

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Stephan Mueller

Serial No.: To Be Assigned

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For: SEED CRYSTAL HOLDERS AND SEED CRYSTALS FOR
FABRICATING SILICON CARBIDE CRYSTALS AND METHODS OF
FABRICATING SILICON CARBIDE CRYSTALS

Date: January 13, 2004

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant provides the present Request for Reconsideration in response to the Final Official Action mailed July 3, 2003 (the "Official Action").

Applicant provides the present Amendment pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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In the title:

Please amend the title as follows:

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